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1. INDOCHINA

GVN AND GKR BEGIN URGENT TALKS TO HEAD OFF POSSIBLE

MIL CONFRONTATION OVER US-FRENCH OIL DRILLING IN

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GULF OF THAILAND. TWO HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCES REPORTED

IN PROGRESS IN PP AND SAIGON. LON NOL ORDERS
AMBASSADOR TO VN BACK FOR CONSULTATION. DIPLOMATIC
SOURCES REPORT LON NOL ORDERED 300 MARINES TO REINFORCE
SMALL GARRISON ON ISLAND NEAR DRILLING SITE (CHITRIB).
US OPERATORS OF OIL RIG, OWNED BY GLOBAL MARINE OF
LA, SAY THEY ARE GETTING "THE HELL OUT OF THERE."
DISPUTE CENTERS ON OWNERSHIP OF PUOLO WEI ISLAND,
CLAIMED BY SVN, CAMBODIA AND THAILAND (WP). GVN
GIVES NO INDICATION OF BACKING DOWN ON DEMAND FOR
REMOVAL OF RIG. RUMORS SPREAD IN PP THAT GKR
CONSIDERING DRAFTING DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST GVN.
NO DETAILS GIVEN OF MEETINGS BETWEEN LON NOL AND
GKR AMBASSADOR TO SAIGON, AND BETWEEN KHMER GOVT AND
MIL LEADERS. US OFFICIALS MAKE NO PUBLIC COMMENT,
BUT ONE EXASPERATED EMBASSY OFFICIAL PRIVATELY CALLED
SITUATION "...INCREDIBLE..." AND "...UNBELIEVABLE..."
SINCE US SUPPORTS BOTH SIDES, AND BOTH HAVE SERIOUS
WARS ON THEIR HANDS. SOURCES SAY RIG ALREADY MOVED

BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS. GKR SENDS GVN
"SIMILARLY STRONG" NOTE PROTESTING THREAT TO SEIZE
RIG (UPI, PHINQ).

SAIGON COMMAND SAYS COMBAT THROUGHOUT COUNTRY DROPS
TO LOWEST LEVEL IN NEARLY TWO MONTHS AS COMMUNIST
ATTACKS FALL OFF, THOUGH SCATTERED HEAVY FIGHTING
STILL REPORTED NEAR DA NANG, HUE AND SAIGON (UPI
SAIGON).

COMMUNIST GUNNERS SHELL THREE GKR OUTPOSTS ALONG
ROUTE 4, BUT ONLY LIMITED AND SCATTERED ACTION
REPORTED ELSEWHERE ACROSS COUNTRY (UPI).

SPOKESMAN SAYS COALITION GOVT IN VIENTIANE DECIDES
TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA (UPI).

2. CHINA

SEVERAL PAPERS REPORT "ABRUPT" DEPARTURE OF CHINESE GUESTS FROM
CODEL FULBRIGHT DINNER IN PEKING, WITH SOME NOTING
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CONFLICTING INTERPRETATIONS THEREOF. EARLY REPORT IN
PHINQ QUOTED REP. JORDAN SAYING THERE HAD BEEN NO
EXPLANATION, BUT NO AFFRONT, "THEY JUST HAD TO LEAVE".
LATER REPORTS QUOTE HER AS SAYING ONLY TWO GUESTS
HAD LEFT, ONE OF THEM THE VICE FM, AND THEY HAD TOLD
HOSTS BEFOREHAND THEY WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE EARLY.
NYT AND WP ALSO QUOTE FROM TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
WITH HUMPHREY (WHICH HAS BEEN PLAYED ON US RADIO

STATIONS) THAT 'THE VICE PREMIER TOLD US CHOU'S CONDITION WAS WORSE' THAN IT HAD BEEN AT TIME OF JACKSON VISIT, AND CODEL WAS TOLD IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET CHOU BECAUSE OF HIS ILLNESS. JORDAN QUOTED SAYING NO BASIS FOR ANY SPECULATION RE CHOU, AND HUMPHREY THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO INDICATION HIS CONDITION CRITICAL, "JUST NOT SO GOOD AS A MONTH OR SO AGO." AP (SUN), QUOTING FROM MUTUAL BROADCASTING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH HUMPHREY, SAID HE ASSUMED DEPARTURE FROM CODEL DINNER OF "TWO MEMBERS" OF CCPCC WAS RELATED TO CHOU'S ILLNESS. ASKED FOR FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF DEPARTURE, HE SAID, "I JUST DON'T KNOW. YOU DON'T GET ENOUGH INFORMATION. BUT APPARENTLY THE CANDOR WITH WHICH CHOU SPOKE INDICATES CHOU'S QUITE ILL."

PHINQ AND WP CARRY AP PHOTO OF CODEL (FULBRIGHT, FRELINGHUYSEN AND HUMPHREY VISIBLE) ESCORTED BY TENG HSIAO-PING.

SEVERAL PAPERS PICKED UP EARLIER REPORT THAT MAO MET TOGO PRESIDENT EYADEMA WITH BOTH CHOU AND WANG HUNG-WEN ABSENT. GREENWAY (WP) FROM HK NOTES THAT CHOU'S INCREASING ABSENCES FROM FUNCTIONS GIVE RISE TO SUSPICIONS THAT WHILE ILLNESS NOT IN DOUBT, POLITICAL MOTIVES WERE SUSPECTED AS WELL, WITH CHOU'S LEADERSHIP UNDER ATTACK FROM WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED CCP LEFT OR RADICAL WING. GREENWAY SAYS NO EXPLANATION OFFERED FOR WANG'S ABSENCE FROM MAO'S MEETING, WHICH WAS FIRST TIME WANG HAD MISSED SUCH MEETING SINCE HIS ELEVATION TO PARTY'S NO. 3 POSITION LAST YEAR.

3. KOREA
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FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY OF KOREAN STUDENT MOVEMENT DR. MYONG GUL SON, NOW IN DALLAS, TAKES ISSUE WITH EVANGELIST DR. BRIGHT'S STATEMENT THAT THERE IS NO RELIGIOUS REPRESSION IN ROK. DR. SON SAYS CHRISTIANITY IS WAY OF LIFE; SK CHRISTIANS "STRUGGLING FOR JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY" (WP).

4. JAPAN

US COAST GUARD SEIZED JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL FOR FISHING WITHIN 12 MILE LIMIT ABOUT 85 MILES SOUTH OF PORTLAND, MAINE. VESSEL TO BE HELD IN PORTLAND UNTIL DETERMINATION MADE WHETHER US LAW VIOLATED (GLOBE).

TREASURY SAYS JAPAN MAY BE DUMPING ROLLER BEARINGS ON US MARKET. MATTER TO BE REFERRED TO TARIFF COMMISSION TO DECIDE WHETHER SPECIAL DUTIES SHOULD BE IMPOSED (AP, NYT: WSJ).

JAPAN FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL PROPOSES STOCKPILING OF FOODSTUFFS AND NEGOTIATION OF LONG TERM FOOD AGREEMENTS WITH EXPORTERS TO PREPARE FOR SHORT-TERM FOOD SHORTAGES IN JAPAN, HELD INEVITABLE DUE TO UNSTABLE FOOD PRODUCTION IN USSR AND INDIA (REUTER, CSM).

DOZEN NUCLEAR EXPERTS HAVE LEFT ON REPAIR SHIP FOR MUTSU TO FIX LEAK IN REACTOR. MEANWHILE, 4000 FISHERMEN AND OTHERS DEMONSTRATED TO OPPOSE ITS RETURN TO PORT (UPI, PHINQ; WP).

JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS LEADING BUSINESSMEN ASK BANK OF JAPAN TO EASE CREDIT RESTRICTIONS ON INDUSTRIES FACING SEVERE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

IN ANOTHER ARTICLE, CULLISON REPORTS TANAKA EXPECTED TO PLEDGE MASSIVE ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR AMAZON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHEN HE MEETS PRES GEISEL IN BRAZIL SEPT. 16-21.

ONLY ONE DAY AFTER GROUNDING OF 6 LOCKHEED TRISTARS
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DUE TO MALFUNCTION, ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS CONVERTED OPTIONS TO FIRM ORDERS FOR 7 MORE PLANES VALUED AT 145 MILLION DOLS (WSJ).

5. PHILIPPINES

MEN DESCRIBED BY VILLAGERS AS CHRISTIANS ARMED WITH BOLO KNIVES AND AUTOMATIC RIFLES MASSACRED 28 MOSLEM MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN IN MINDANAO PORT OF ZAMBOANGA CITY. POLICE SAY KILLINGS APPARENTLY IN RETALIATION FOR BUS AMBUSH TWO WEEKS AGO IN WHICH 26 CHRISTIANS KILLED (AP WP, SUN; PHINQ; CHITRIB).

PHIL DOD SAYS GOVT TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN SEVERAL HUNDRED MOSLEM REBELS OUT OF MINDANAO TOWN OF BALABAGAN (AP, WP; NYT). MEANWHILE, GOVT CONSIDERING PEACE PLAN INITIATED BY ISLAMIC GROUPS ABROAD. PLAN RECOGNIZES PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY, IMPLYING REJECTION OF REBEL DEMANDS FOR SECESSIONIST STATE (NYT).

6. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA AND MALAYSIA SIGN MAJOR SUGAR SUPPLY CONTRACT, SIMILAR TO AUSSIE DEAL WITH ROK (JOC).

7. NEW ZEALAND

NZLP CAUCUS ELECTS WALLACE E. (BILL) ROWLING TO SUCCEED KIRK AS PM. AT 46, ROWLING YOUNGEST PM IN NZ HISTORY. SERVED AS FIN MIN IN KIRK GOVT. ROBERT J. TIZARD NAMED NEW DEP. PM (UPI, WP).

BURIAL OF KIRK DELAYED AS BAD WEATHER FORCED PLANE CARRYING CASKET TO HIS BIRTHPLACE TO RETURN TO CHRISTCHURCH (PHINQ).

8. MALAYSIA

CSM ARTICLE CREDITS LANDSLIDE FOR RAZAK TO BROAD BASE OF NATIONAL FRONT AMONG MALAYS, CHINESE, AND INDIANS, ABILITY TO PROVIDE STABLE GOVT, AND APPEAL OF RAZAK, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHO IN RECENT MONTHS ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

WITH CHINA AND CEMENTED TIES WITH ISLAMIC WORLD. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT MALAYSIA IS POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY ONE OF FEW STABLE AND STRONG STATES IN SEA.

9. GENERAL

NYT'S SHEPPARD REPORTS DOUBLING OF RICE PRICE IN PAST YEAR HAS ORIGIN IN POOR '72-'73 CROP. BAD WEATHER THAT SEASON IN THAILAND CAUSED THAI EXPORT CUT OF MORE THAN HALF. MAJOR IMPORTERS SUCH AS JAPAN AND INDONESIA TURNED TO OTHERS, ESPECIALLY US. OFFICIALS EXPECT RECORD CROP THIS YEAR, BUT RAMPANT INFLATION WILL LIMIT EXTENT OF PRICE DECREASES.

10. COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

CHNA

NYDN DESCRIBES BUSH AS "ENERGETIC AND AFFABLE MAN, WHO WILL ALSO NEED PLENTY OF PATIENCE IF HE IS TO ENDURE THE FRUSTRATIONS OF DEALING WITH CHINESE LEADERS WHO PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES OTHER THAN HENRY KISSINGER." NOTING THAT THIS IS TIME OF CONTINUING SINO-SOVIET TENSION, AND PERIOD WHEN WASHINGTON SEEKS A REALISTIC POST-VN POLICY FOR ASIA, NYT THINKS AN EXPERIENCED ASIAN

HAND MIGHT HAVE BEEN WISER CHOICE. HOWEVER, NYT SAYS BUSH DID DEVELOP SOLID DIPLOMATIC SKILLS AS USUN REP - INCLUDING FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH PRC'S DELEGATION - EXPERIENCES WHICH SHOULD STAND HIM IN GOOD STEAD.

CSM THINKS BUSH CREDENTIALS SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO STATUS-CONSCIOUS CHINESE. ALTHOUGH HONEYMOON IN US-PRC RELATIONS IS OVER, PEKING IS NO LESS IMPORTANT AND IS AGAIN A FOCUS OF INTEREST AS FORD BEGINS TO COPE WITH BIG-POWER DIPLOMACY - AND AS CODEL FULBRIGHT ROAMS CHINA. FORD WILL WANT TO GIVE CHINA UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SAME CLOSE ATTENTION HE DOES USSR; BUSH GOES TO PEKING AT WHAT SEEMS TO BE TIME OF LULL IN SINO-US RELATIONS; POLITICS AND PREOCCUPATIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES SEEM TO HAVE SLOWED THE MOMENTUM OF "ACCELERATING" IMPROVEMENT OF TIES HAK SPOKE OF A YEAR AGO. THINKS TIME HAS COME TO SORT THINGS OUT AND TO MOVE FORWARD; IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO WORLD STABILITY THAT SINO-AMERICAN DIALOGUE CONTINUE AND RELATIONS GROW STRONGER.

S-N'S BRADSHER THINKS BUSH APPOINTMENT LIKELY TO CONVEY TWO MESSAGES TO PRC. BY SENDING SENIOR GOP OFFICIAL, SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED FOR VICE-PRESIDENCY, FORD INDICATED HE WANTS MORE THAN ROUTINELY BUREAUCRATIC CHANNEL TO PRC LEADERSHIP. ON OTHER HAND, SAYS BRADSHER, SEEMS PROBABLE THAT FORD WOULD NOT BE FILLING POST NOW IF HE HAD EXPECTATION OF APPOINTING AN AMBASSADOR; THEREFORE, FORD PRESUMABLY EXPECTS US RELATIONS WITH BOTH PRC AND GRC TO REMAIN TECHNICALLY UNCHANGED FOR NEAR FUTURE. THERE HAS BEEN CONTINUING SPECULATION THAT US WOULD WITHDRAW RECOGNITION FROM TAIWAN AND BESTOW IT ON PRC, SWITCHING EMBASSY AND LIAISON OFFICE; HOWEVER, NO ONE HAS MADE CONVINCING ARGUMENT IN PUBLIC THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT GAINS WOULD BE ACHIEVED BY SWITCH.

THERE IS LITTLE EXPECTATION AMONG CHINA WATCHERS THAT RELATIONS WITH PEKING WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED BY UPGRADING MISSION. ANYWAY, US MIL COMMITMENT TO TAIWAN COULD NOT BE SO SIMPLY BROKEN BY DIPLOMATIC SWITCH. FORD POSSIBLY HAD THIS IN MIND WHEN DECIDING TO CONTINUE ON LIAISON BASIS WITH BUSH. ATMOSPHERE OF BETTER RELATIONS AFTER HAK'S PEKING VISIT WAS AN OFFICIAL ILLUSION; SINO-US RELATIONS WERE COOLING AS CHOU'S GOVT TRIED TO GUARD ITS FLANK AGAINST RADICAL ATTACKS ON THE AMERICAN CONNECTION.

DOS TRIED TO PRETEND FOR MANY MONTHS THAT NOTHING WAS WRONG, THAT RELATIONS WERE THRIVING CONTINUALLY. IT WAS WHISTLING IN THE DARK, AND SOME DOING THE WHISTLING NOW TALK ABOUT AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS IN LAST TWO OR THREE MONTHS - CONCEDED THEY HAD DETERIORATED

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EARLIER. RECENT IMPROVEMENT COMES WITH DOWNTURN IN RADICAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST GOVT POLICIES AND SINCE ABOUT LATE JUNE THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE SOMEWHAT MUTED. CHOU NOW APPEARS SOMEWHAT HEALTHIER POLITICALLY. HOWEVER, RADICALS ARE CONTINUING THEIR CHALLENGE AND WITH CHINESE LEADERSHIP GROWING OLDER, STRUGGLE OVER PERSONALITIES AND POLITICS OF SUCCESSION WILL NOT GO AWAY. BUSH COULD FIND HIMSELF WATCHING FROM SIDELINES A MAJOR POLITICAL CRISIS WITH LITTLE DIRECT ACCESS TO CHINESE LEADERS. THIS LACK OF ACCESS WAS SOURCE OF FRUSTRATION TO BRUCE.

SUN SEES SENATOR JACKSON'S VIEWS ON CHINA AS "SOUND AND COMPELLING," BUT SAYS THEY HAVE AN ANTI-SOVIET CAST WHICH SEEM TO EXACERBATE SINO-SOVIET HOSTILITY - AN UNSEEMLY AND UNWISE POSITION FOR A POTENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO PUT HIMSELF IN. ASSERTS THAT BECAUSE OF ANTI-SOVIET ATMOSPHERICS OF JACKSON'S VISIT

TO CHINA, IT IS WELL THAT CODEL HEADED BY FULBRIGHT IS NOW MAKING SIMILAR VISIT. FULBRIGHT HELPED OVERCOME COLD WAR ATTITUDES TOWARD CHINA, BUT HAS NEVER COMBINED HIS INTEREST IN DETENTE WITH CHINA WITH A JACKSON OPPOSITION TO DETENTE WITH USSR. HIS JOURNEY SHOULD SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE IN REMINDING CHINESE LEADERS THAT THEY CANNOT DEMAND AMERICAN HOSTILITY TOWARD MOSCOW AS PRICE FOR US FRIENDSHIP WITH PEKING. SAYS WITH FULBRIGHT BEING TOUTED AS NEXT US AMB TO UK, HIS OUTLOOK MIGHT BE NOT SO DENIED CLOSER TO FORD ADMIN'S VIEWS THAN WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN THE CASE. HIS APPROACH TO SUPERPOWER RELATIONSHIPS COULD BE PROFITABLY FOLLOWED BY BUSH.

BERNSTEIN AND NY PHILHARMONIC, ON LAST LEG OF TOUR TO NZ, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN, CAPTIVATE TOKYO AUDIENCES (HALLORAN, NYT). ASKED AT PRESS CLUB 'UNCHEON ABOUT CHINA'S RECENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST "BOURGEOIS" MUSIC, BERNSTEIN FINDS IT 'HILARIOUS AND VERY SAD,' SAYS HE WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO VISIT CHINA SOMEDAY AND HAS NOT GIVEN UP HOPE THAT CHINESE WILL CHANGE THEIR THINKING ABOUT WESTERN CLASSICAL MUSIC

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(OBERDORFER, WP). BERNSTEIN CALLS CHINA'S CRITICISM OF WESTERN COMPOSERS "FACETIOUS" AND "MADE-UP NONSENSE," SUGGESTS JOKINGLY THAT MAYBE PEKING CONDEMNS BEETHOVEN, SCHUBERT AND RESPIGHI BECAUSE ORMANDY AND PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA "PLAYED THEM SO BADLY; DURING 1973 CHINA VISIT (AP, PHINQ).

WSJ'S O'CONNOR WRITES EXTENSIVELY ABOUT POTENTIAL OF CHINA AS OIL PRODUCER AND MARKET FOR OIL EXPLORATION GEAR. RE LATTER, REPORTS RELUCTANCE OF OIL-EXPLORATION-EQUIPMENT FIRMS DOING BUSINESS WITH PRC TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC CONTRACTS. ONE MARKETING EXECUTIVE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT "TWO OF OUR LARGEST (DOMESTIC) CUSTOMERS WOULD PROBABLY CUT US OFF IF THEY KNEW WE WERE SELLING GOODS TO CHINA." SOURCE SAYS SUCH AN ATTITUDE STEMS MAINLY FROM FACT THERE ARE DOMESTIC SHORTAGES AND LONG DELIVERY TIMES FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT, ADDING ALSO THAT "YOU'RE DEALING WITH SOME PRETTY CONSERVATIVE PEOPLE IN THE OIL BUSINESS HERE, AND THEY AREN'T GOING TO CHANGE THEIR VIEWS ABOUT COMMUNIST CHINA JUST BECAUSE NIXON AND KISSINGER WERE THERE." HEAD OF PRC DIVISION IN COMMERCE'S BUREAU OF E-W TRADE CONFIRMS THERE IS "SOME HESITATION ON THE PART OF COMPANIES" TO DISCUSS THEIR CHINA TRADE, BUT SAYS IT IS 'MAINLY FOR COMPETITIVE REASONS AND ALSO BECAUSE THE COMPANIES KNOW THAT THE CHINESE DON'T LIKE A LOT OF FANFARE AND PUBLICITY" ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH CONTRACTS.

JAPAN/KOREA

CSM LACHICA IN TOKYO VIEWS FM KIMURA'S STATEMENTS BEFORE DIET ON AUG 29 AND TO JOURNALISTS ON AUG 30, THAT SK "NO LONGER FACES ANY MILITARY THREAT" FROM NK AS "ONE OF THE SHARPEST PUTDOWNS EVER UTTERED BY RANKING JAPANESE OFFICIAL." IN ONE BREATH KIMURA KNOCKED AWAY THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT JUSTIFICATION FOR PARK'S EMERGENCY MEASURES - THE CLAIM THAT SK STILL LIVING UNDER THE GUN. CITES KIMURA AS FIRMLY BELIEVING THERE CANNOT BE ANY SUCH THREAT AND SUBSTANTIATING BELIEF BY POINTING TO PRESENCE OF UN FORCES BELOW 38TH PARALLEL AND CONTINUATION OF

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N-S DIALOGUE, THOUGH CONCEDED THERE ARE "SMALL TROUBLES ARISING NOW AND THEN."

KIMURA HANDED SEOUL ANOTHER SHOCK BY VIRTUALLY AMENDING VIEW EXPRESSED BY 1969 NIXON-SATO COMMUNIQUE THAT SK SECURITY WAS IN JAPAN'S VITAL INTEREST. REPORTS KIMURA SAYING THAT JAPAN HAS NOW "BROADENED" ITS AREA OF INTEREST TO INCLUDE "WHOLE PENINSULA," WHICH IS INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT JAPAN IS ON COURSE OF LESSENING ITS ONE-SIDED COMMITMENT TO SK AND ENLARGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTACTS WITH NK. HIS REASONS FOR MODIFYING COMMUNIQUE'S REFLECTION ON ASIA'S SECURITY ARE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS ON PENINSULA AND US DETENTE WITH USSR AND PRC. LACHICA CHARACTERIZES KIMURA STATEMENTS AS SIGNIFYING AT LEAST A QUARTER TURN IN GOJ'S APPROACH TO WHOLE KOREAN QUESTION. KIMURA'S PREDECESSOR EVADED FORTHRIGHT STAND, ALTHOUGH GOJ WAS UNDER PRESSURE FOR ALMOST A YEAR TO SETTLE SCORE FOR KIM DAE JUNG'S ABDUCTION.

DESCRIBING KIMURA AS SHREWD DIPLOMAT, WHO HAD HAND IN OKINAWA REVERSION NEGOTIATIONS AND IN JAPAN'S SWITCH FROM TAIWAN TO PRC AND IS IDENTIFIED WITH "LIBERAL" WING OF LDP, LACHICA EXPECTS RADICAL CHANGES IN JAPAN'S DETERIORATING RELATIONS WITH SK.

KOREA

CSM CARRIES AP SEOUL STORY ABOUT HARASSMENT OF SOME FOREIGN RCS AND PROTESTANTS WHO ARE ON THE RUN AND OPERATING CLANDESTINELY; KOREAN SOCIAL-WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS CRUSHED. WHAT BOTH GROUPS HAVE IN COMMON IS DESIRE TO HELP KOREA'S NUMEROUS POOR AND RESTORE HUMAN RIGHTS. THOUGH THEIR PLIGHT BROUGHT DENUNCIATIONS FROM US CONGRESSMEN AND HUMAN-RIGHTS LEADERS, NOT ALL PROTESTANTS AND RCS IN KOREA ARE BEHIND THEM. IN BOTH GROUPS THERE ARE BITTER DIVISIONS. AMONG PROTESTANTS THERE ARE THOSE WHO PREFER ORDERED CALM OF CHURCH WORK TO SOCIAL CRUSADING. RCS SPLIT AMONG FACTIONS BACKING CARDINAL KIM, NATIVE OF FAR SOUTH, AND THOSE FROM SEOUL AREA WHO WOULD HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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PREFERRED SOMEONE FROM THEIR AREA AS KOREA'S PRINCE OF THE CHURCH.

SEATO

CSM'S HARSCH WRITES PIECE OBSERVING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEATO. SAYS SEA IS MUCH MORE STABLE NOW THAN WHEN SEATO TREATY WAS PATCHED TOGETHER. ATTRIBUTES STABILITY TO SINO-SOVIET RIFT. KISSINGER

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